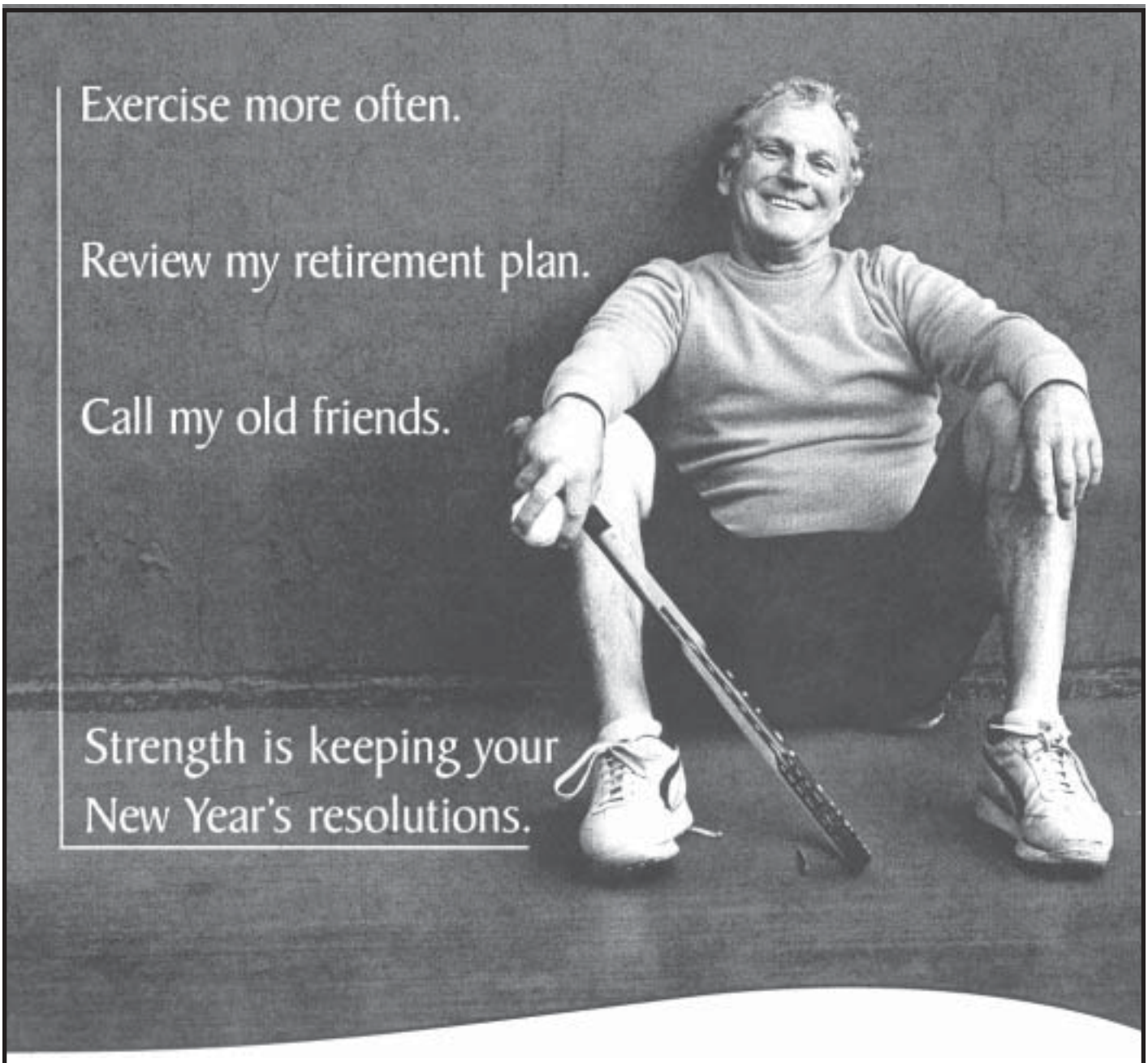
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"Read Across America"

Rochester School Celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday

The Rochester Memorial School Teachers' Association and Parents-Teachers Organization (PTO) co-sponsored an all-day Read-A-Thon on Tuesday, March 4 in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and the National Read Across America campaign. Many former Rochester Memorial School graduates volunteered to celebrate with them by reading and sharing their favorite childhood book or chapter from their favorite book with students.

Among the volunteer readers who shared their personal picks at this past week's event: Marcia (Reed) Anuszczyk (*Three Billy Goats Gruff*); Jennifer Arruda (*Green Eggs and Ham*); Michael Bare (*Curious George*); Kathy Bergeron (*Put Me In The Zoo*); Carolyn (Leconte) Cabe (*Blueberries for Sal*); Laurie (Hart) Davignon (Bev Cleary books); Sandi Hiller (*If I Can Run the Circus*); and Carolyn (Hughes) Pruchink (*Chrysanthemum*).

Other readers were: Jody Church, Meghan Correia, Graham Correia, Stephanie (Whitehead) Cyr, Donna (Reed) Fairclough, Jenn (Gurney) Holtzman, Melanie (Sherman) Morris, Jean Rose, Marie Weigel, and Kevin Woodward.

The day was capped off with an ice cream sundae party held in the school cafetorium. The event was co-sponsored by the Rochester Memorial School Teachers Association and the Rochester PTO. The joint committee of Brenda Rose, Robin Rounseville, Jill Santos, Lisa MacIlmail, Dana Stupalski, Lucille Morris, and Sue Norton was headed by Dale Bradshaw and Deb Davis.



Above: *The Old Rochester Regional High School Big Jazz Band, under the direction of Stan Ellis, recently performed at a competition where they earned another gold medal for their efforts. (Photo courtesy of Wayne Kellum).*

On the cover: *Students at Rochester's Memorial School enjoyed an ice cream sundae party this past Tuesday to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Part of the "Read Across America" campaign, the celebration also included invited guests, many who were past graduates of Memorial School, who read to various classes from their favorite childhood books. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Jazzing It Up

ORR Jazz Bands On Top Again

By Wayne Kellum

Recently, both the Old Rochester Regional High School Jazz Band and the Old Rochester Regional Jazz Combo earned top awards. This is the same road they were on last year when the Jazz Big Band reached the State Finals where they earned a gold medal enabling them to perform at Boston's Hatch Shell. The Jazz Combo won a gold medal at the IAJE State Combo Festival at Worcester PolyTech Institute. Both jazz bands now have developed a reputation as two of Massachusetts' premier high school jazz bands.

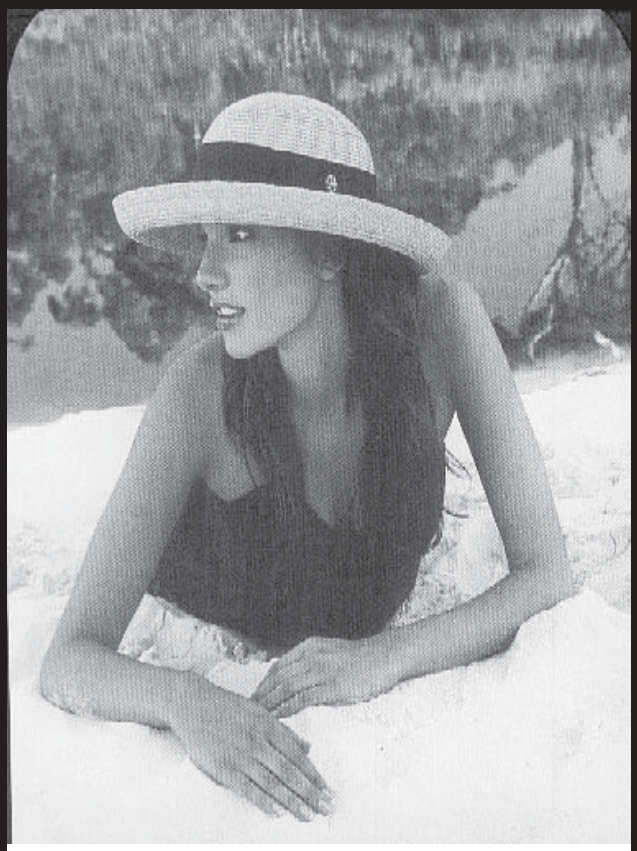
The first competition of the year took place at the 35th Berklee Jazz Festival that included 300 jazz ensembles from as far away as California. Both bands put on excellent performances. The four-piece Jazz Combo



Above: *Members of the 1936 Mattapoisett baseball league included (first row, l. to r.) Coocoo Peters, Frank Souza, Vera Hullman, Gussy Lawrence, Eddie Walsh, Mickey Bauer, (second row, l. to r.) Joe Mello, Carl Vaughn, Andy Sylvia, Eddie Perry, Eddie Kenney, Bill Ellis, and (seated in front) bat boy Bronco Caswell. (Photo courtesy of John DeCosta).*

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(Trevor Kellum, alto saxophone; Derek Eilertsen, drums; John Disalvo, bass; and Justin DeWalt, percussion) took an amazing Second Place. Trevor Kellum received two Judges' Choice Awards — one for each band. The ORR Music Department received a five-year participation plaque.

On Tuesday, February 25, the ORR Jazz Band received a gold medal at the IAJE Cape Cod/Coastal Jazz Festival held at Falmouth High School. All band members and director Stan Ellis were given great praise for their hard work and constructive comments on areas where they could further develop at a judges clinic held after their performance. Outstanding soloist awards went to Trevor Kellum, Nick Hamer, and Steven Wheeler. The festival's Most Valuable Player went to Trevor Kellum. The gold medal award enables the Jazz Band to compete at the State Finalist Competition to be held at UMass/Lowell on March 29.

On March 15 the Old Rochester Regional High School Jazz Bands will travel to the University of New Hampshire's Clarke Terry Jazz Festival. The ORR Jazz Band and Jazz Combo wish to thank the school administration, teachers, students and parents for their ongoing support. The bands also wish to thank FORM (Friends of Old Rochester Music) for all their support. The band members always put the effort in not only striving to win but equally as important to represent their school and community well.

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Pastel Paintings

Two-Person Exhibit at Marion Art Center

A two-person exhibition of pastel paintings is now on display at the Marion Art Center. Featured in this show are works by **Nancy Michon** and **Peter Peavoy**.

Ms. Michon is a resident of Chicopee, Massachusetts. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Visual Expression and Creative Services Development. She also studied art at Springfield College and attended workshops with several well-known artists. She taught art at St. Stanislous School in Chicopee. She is a member of the Pastel Painters' Society of Cape Cod, the Connecticut Pastel Society, and is chair of the Springfield Art League

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to mention a few of her many affiliations.

She has exhibited in many places in Massachusetts and Connecticut. "In my view art/creativity comes from the soul," she said. "I feel that we, as human beings are all works of art, created by the Master Creator. Therefore, my work often leans toward the spiritual because of my creative inheritance ... the kind of art that I want to do needs to be positive and uplifting ... I work from life as well as from photos ... and my intention is to give the resulting painting a special interpretation ... to give the work a life of its own."

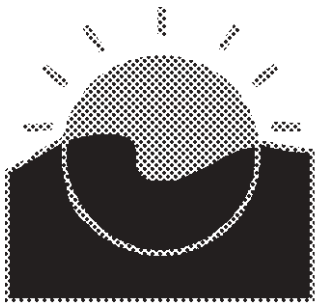
Peter Peavoy has a studio in Maynard, Massachusetts and is represented by Agora Gallery in Soho, New York. He attended The School of the Art Institute of Chicago where he received a BFA and a Certificate in Art and Technology.

Mr. Peavoy has had one-person shows at the Concord Art Association and at the Brickton Gallery. Other group exhibitions range from New York, to Chicago, Michigan and Dallas, Texas. His work is in the corporate collections of Northwest Teleproductions and Kobotech in Chicago. Many of his pastels are landscapes of this area.

The Michon/Peavoy Exhibition will run through April 11. The Galleries at the Marion Art Center are open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free.

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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

March 4, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Benjamin Bryant. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first approved treasury and payroll warrants for the week, approved requests for special liquor licenses, appointed Dr. William Cooper to the Marion Local Scholarship Committee, and unanimously approved the minutes of the February 4, February 5, and

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February 25 meetings of the board.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received a letter from Albert E. Winters recommending the establishment of a Sippican School Major Maintenance Committee to advise the Board of Selectmen on maintenance issues for the newly-renovated Sippican School.

"I think it's commendable that we have such dedicated people who want to oversee the maintenance of the school, but I guess my only question is who they should report to," Selectman Jeffrey said. "I feel they should report to the School Committee and not the Board of Selectmen."

"It was obvious with the old school that there had been some maintenance issues which hadn't been addressed at the time," Mr. Winters explained. "When these issues were first discovered, both the School Committee and the school administration (found they had) to choose between salaries and supplies and maintenance issues, as in bricks and mortar. We thought this was a way in separating that, so the people guiding the education of Marion students wouldn't have to deal with facility issues. A way to do that was have a group of people look at major maintenance issues on a periodic basis and suggest to the Board of Selectmen what needs to be done and let the educators do their job — which is the education of the students."

"When the School Building Committee was first chartered, this was pretty much one of the issues coming out of that committee," Chairman Bryant agreed. "When I

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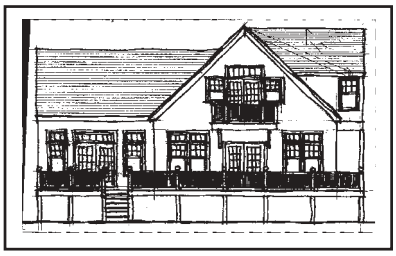


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was on the School Committee, there was really only one person looking into that at the time ... Andy Santos. The normal process is for the school to be in charge of the facility."

"I think the intent can still be done by going through the School Committee," Selectman Jeffrey said. "What about every other building in town? It's just a certain issue of who (the committee) reports to — I don't think this body should report to the Board of Selectmen, they should report to the School Committee."

"The intent is the recommendation would come back to the Board of Selectmen and then go through the budget process for capital expenditures," Mr. Winters said. "The Finance Committee (FinCom) and Board of Selectmen would then be able to judge what the best time was (for funding capital needs)."

"We thought this committee might evolve into something that would include all town-owned buildings," Chairman Bryant said. "Should there be a group looking at all building needs in town? We don't have to make a decision tonight ... (but) I'd suggest we have a meeting with the (School Committee) to get their input."

"The town owns upwards of 50 buildings, so there's obviously maintenance issues which need to be addressed," Mr. Winters said.

At 7:15 pm the board met with Terry Lee to discuss the recommendation of the Marion Technology Task Force for townwide computer upgrades.

"Virtually all of the (town) PCs are over three years old and in need of replacement," Mr. Lee said. As such, the Task Force is recommending that all 19 PCs in the Marion Town House be replaced, along with computers in the Police Station, Fire Station, and Harbormaster's Office.

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mendation was very simple: the PCs are old and the operating system is going out of business. Both should be replaced."

Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said it would probably cost between $15,000 and $20,000 to replace the 19 Town House PCs as recommended.

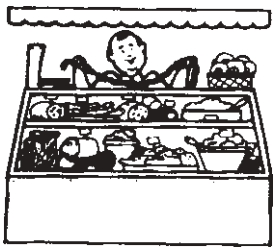
Mr. Lee added his committee's goal now is to begin long-range planning for periodic computer replacements after the Annual Town Meeting.

In other matters, the board received:

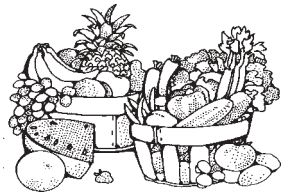
• Memo from Harbormaster Charles Bradley to make changes in the Waterways Regulations as approved by the Marine Resource Commission (MRC). The board unanimously approved the changes as submitted.

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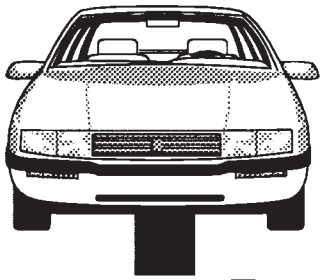
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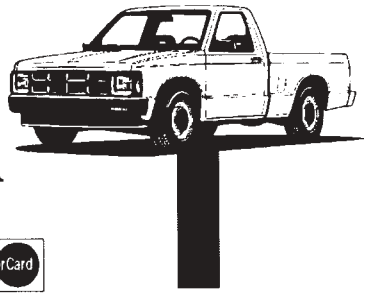
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• Letter from Nancy Shannon Oakes requesting approval of wall space in the Marion Town House to hang the James Fallon Memorial Eagle Scout plaque for Marion Boy Scout Troop 32.

• Memo from Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow requesting an extension of the commercial shellfish opening along the north shore of Marion Inner Harbor through April 1, 2003. The board unanimously voted to approve the extension as requested.

• Update from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) regarding Governor Mitt Romney's proposed 21 percent cut in non-school local aid to cities and towns.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock:

• Gave the board an update on potential articles to appear on the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting warrants. "We're going to have to have an article to authorize easements ... on the private roads in the sewer extension areas," she said. "The Special Town Meeting is more involved. There's also budget transfers and two water supply items which have to be dealt with this fiscal year. A lot of the articles for the ATM warrant are routine."

• Discussed potential zoning by-law articles submitted by the Planning Board. "The Board of Selectmen has 14 days to submit them to the Planning Board for review, hearing and recommendation," she said. "You probably should take action by Monday, March 17." The board voted to approve the articles for placement on the Town Meeting warrant as submitted.

• Discussed the deadlines for printing the Annual

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Lighthouse Learning Center is coming to Mattapoisett. The former Mattapoisett Nursing Home, 79 North Street, is giving way to a state-of-the-art child development center, serving children ages 1 month to school age. Lighthouse Learning Center will be providing services for full and half-day care beginning sometime in early July 2003.

Owners, Richard and Melanie Reilly have been local residents for more than 49 years. They have raised children and served their community in many ways and now wish to bring their business to Mattapoisett.

Lighthouse Learning Center's first site was established two years ago at 1060 Cove Road in New Bedford. There, Director Jane E. Lees, created a wonderful preschool program serving toddlers through school age children. Her unselfish efforts and dedication have developed the program into a great success. The owners knew it was time to bring this program to Mattapoisett to serve the needs of parents and children in the area.

With the help of Compass Bank and an SBA guarantee through the SEED Corporation, renovations have started on the site, which is set on over two acres of land. Seacoast Construction Group, with owner, Pamela Lees, will oversee the project. The playground alone encompasses about an acre. The 8000 square foot building will be redesigned into two infant rooms, two toddler rooms and four preschool rooms on the first floor. The second floor will provide services for after-school programs including a media room, computers, arts and crafts, tutoring, and homework supervision. An ample kitchen will promote nutritious, hot lunches and snacks.

Sarah Reilly, the owner's daughter, will be the Director of this new site. She has been Lead-Teacher certified and has taught preschool for many years. Now, with her Director II certification, she is more than qualified and excited for her new role.

A grand opening will be held sometime in late May or June and will be advertised for anyone interested in attending.

Richard and Melanie encourage parents to call now to reserve spaces for their children. They can be reached anytime at **(508) 758-4884**. Interested certified teachers and assistants for all age levels should also contact the owners to set up interviews for employment. Lighthouse Learning Center is not only a wonderful place for children but also for its staff.

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and Special Town Meeting warrants and the Annual Town Election ballot. "From now on, up until the Annual Town Meeting, we'll have some discussion on the (warrant)," she said. "There was a petition dealing with new construction, allowing for construction between January 1 and July 1. This is something a lot of municipalities (have adopted)."

• Presented the board with a final version of the police contract, which has been endorsed by the police union, for the board's signature.

At 8:30 pm the board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with regard to collective bargaining and litigation and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 3, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 3 at 6:30 pm by Chairman Patricia Ryan. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Richard Nunes, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first met in Executive Session to discuss pending contract negotiation issues.

At 7:07 pm the board resumed in Open Session and first approved the minutes of the February 24 meet-

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ing and then unanimously voted to pay an invoice to Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies in the amount of $4,939.98 for legal services rendered.

Selectman Nunes said he'd still like individual departments to review these legal bills before the Board of Selectmen signs off on the payments. "The board needs to review the invoices, because I have no idea if the charges are proper," he said.

Chairman Ryan agreed, but countered that they couldn't hold payment on the bills for months, either.

A scheduled appeal hearing upon the denial of an Earth Removal Permit for property owned by Mr. Striar was withdrawn from consideration.

The board next read a notice from Highway Surveyor Jeffrey Eldridge regarding items which are now being accepted at the Rochester Transfer Station for recycling, effective immediately. These items include: computers, monitors, fax machines, printers, scanners, telecommunication equipment, keyboards and mice, speakers, main frames, wire, VCRs, televisions, stereos, DVD players, florescent bulbs, refrigerators and air

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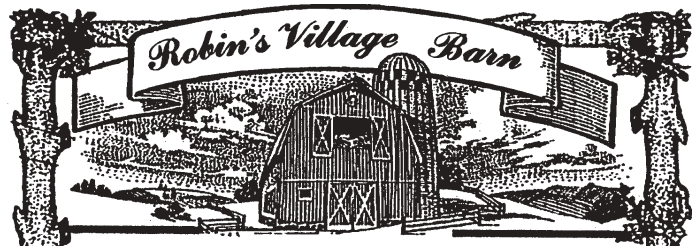
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The board next signed and approved the following "Eastover Farm" question regarding the purchase of 800 acres of land to be retained as open space which will appear on the April 9 Annual Town Election Ballot: "Shall the Town of Rochester be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to acquire conservation restrictions in parts of land known as Eastover Farm, including all or a portion of land shown on Rochester Assessors Map 11, Lots 5, 5B, 5C, 5D, 8 and on Rochester Assessors Map 9, Lots 1A, 1B and 2; and a fee interest in a portion of Lot 9 on Assessors Map 11, being land on Leonard's Pond in conjunction with the Trustees of Reservations and the Rochester Land Trust, Inc.?"

The wording of the question needed some clarification before it could be approved, however, and Selectman Parker, in her capacity as Town Clerk, was concerned about having the question in time to make the state-dictated 35-day deadline.

"The state considers elections to be theirs, primarily, they have certain criteria that they expect to be followed in elections," Selectman Parker said. "They feel very strongly that if we call an election, absentee voters should have a chance to vote. That's where the 35 days comes from — that's why the statute is specific that (nothing) can be put on the ballot unless it's (at least) 35 days before."

The board next unanimously voted to appoint the following to the Rochester Memorial School Building Committee as "at large" members: Richard Cutler, William Chamberlain, Robert Cummings, Arnold Johnson, James Ruell, and Justin Shay; and the following as representatives: Richard Nunes (Board of Selectmen); Claudette Coutu (Finance Committee); Donna Resmini (RMS School Committee); Robin Correia (RMS Teacher); Gregory Blasenak (RMS PTO); Brian Ouellette (RMS Custodian); and Susan Norton (RMS Administrator).

Although Chairman Ryan had suggested appointing only four full "at large" members and two alternates, Selectman Parker felt all six should be appointed as full voting members. "I am not against a big committee," she

J.J. Oliveira

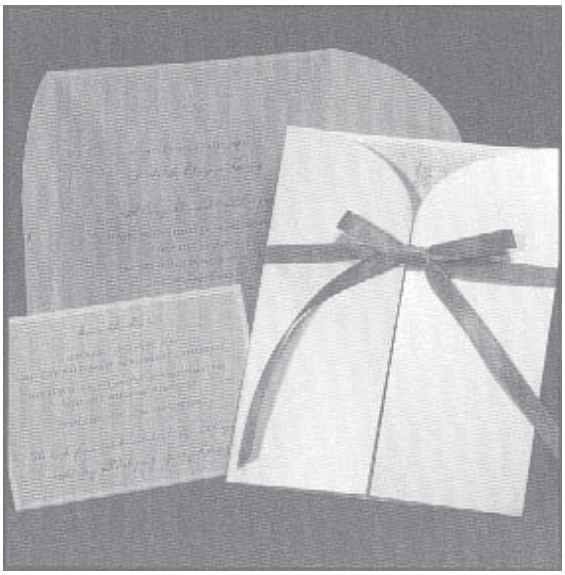
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said. "I don't think it hurt the Police/Communications Building Committee in the long run ... (and) it helped sell that project."

Chairman Ryan also noted there was a change in the charge to the Rochester Memorial School Building Committee, as follows:

"1. In light of the freeze on the state's School Building Assistance Program (SBAP), the Committee is charged to study the *immediate* needs for expansion and renovation of the Rochester Memorial School (RMS) to be reasonably funded by the Town;

"2. The Committee may also review a 10- and/or 20-year study to expand and/or renovate RMS;

"3. Review the immediate enrollment needs of RMS;

"4. Review any and all documents relating to RMS, including but not limited to, maintenance and building records;

"5. Subject to prior approval by the Board of Selectmen, retain a consultant to review various expansion/renovation options and costs therein; and

"6. Prepare a report for the Board of Selectmen recommending various construction options and costs."

"With SBAP money drying up, it became apparent that we need to look at the more immediate needs for Memorial School and what the town could afford to do if we go it alone," Chairman Ryan said. "They're going to section and subsection different (needs). Rather than trying to patch over here and there ... they will get a price for the whole thing and a price for pieces. That also holds true for the 1952 building ... all the windows have to be redone. Depending on what the cost is, they'll bring forward a proposal to the Finance Committee (FinCom). We know there are some other areas which need to be looked at and whether we can afford a $14 million building or go it alone."

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• Chairman Ryan expressed frustration at Governor Mitt Romney's recent budget recommendations.

"I am at a loss to say anything about the Governor's proposed budget," Chairman Ryan said. "I think there's going to be some major cuts, I think we're all going to be hurting units."

• Mr. Huntoon discussed the possible purchase of a laptop computer for use by Ms. Lafreniere and other Town Hall offices to take meeting minutes. The board agreed to take this under advisement.

• The board reviewed their proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004. Mr. Huntoon said the bulk of the budget has been "level-funded" from the current fiscal year. After reviewing various line items and fine-tuning the numbers, the board unanimously voted to recommend the budget which will now go before the FinCom for review.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:20 pm.

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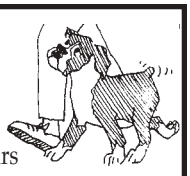


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• **Bourne High School** – Jason Smith and Julie O'Neil;

• **Fairhaven High School** – Myles Carroll and Karin Knutsen;

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To the Editor:

Kudos to Allan Vaitses; one of the best Letters to the Editor that I have ever read. He comes on like a breath of fresh air as compared to the stale dough of the Democratic Party's existence.

This community was founded on a two-party system, but the (Commonwealth) of Massachusetts has decided to have a Democratic-only party system.

How sad it is. But at least Governor Romney has a mandate to save the state fiscally as much as it may hurt — I hope he succeeds.

Sincerely,
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To the Editor:

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Marion Pediatrics compiled with every request the Planning Board made.

I am sorry to hear that George T.J. Walker is suing the Planning Board because of their approval to grant Marion Pediatrics a special permit for a Medical Office. While I recognize this right to file the suit, it seems that this suit is a delaying tactic that will force Dr. Khory to leave town. T.J. Walker owns the big yellow building on the corner of Front Street and Route 6 where Marion Pediatrics is currently located. The building is for sale and empty of all other tenants. Marion Pediatrics' lease is up and Mr. Walker has given Dr. Khory until April 1, 2003 to vacate the building. T.J. Walker also owns the property where the old L'Auberge Restaurant was located and I understand that he is waiting to hear if and when he can sell that property for a Dunkin' Donuts. It seems that T.J. Walker has a lot of personal investment along Route 6 in Marion.

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People in elected and appointed positions that follow private agendas that do not have the best interest of the entire town at heart should not be re-elected to office. So, sadly we will say goodbye to Dr. Khory and Marion Pediatrics and, thanks to T.J. Walker, possibly hello to Dunkin' Donuts.

Sincerely,
Diane Bondi-Pickles
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To the Editor:

Rhode Island philanthropist Alan Feinstein challenged local schools to help him raise $100 million to help America's hungry in an address to local educators and community organizations attending the Southcoast Community Service Learning Conference on February 13. Feinstein's lunchtime presentation was followed by a workshop on hunger and homelessness with Bill Shell from the Hunger Commission of Southeastern Massachusetts. Teachers from the Southcoast discussed local issues and what educators can do to help address them. Of particular concern is the increased number of young people showing up at area soup kitchens and the need for food donations at local pantries.

Feinstein is the founder of the Center for a Hunger Free America at the University of Rhode Island and the Feinstein International Famine Center at Tufts University. Schools participating in Feinstein's challenge to collect food items for

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You can help. Simply send your canned and non-perishable food items to school with your child or drop them off at any of the Fairhaven, Old Rochester or Wareham schools. Tell them your donation is for the Feinstein Challenge sponsored by the Community Service Learning Program (CSL). Please help us meet the challenge and fight hunger at a time when food pantries supplies are low and demand is high. Only your

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Mattapoisett Candidates Night

The Mattaposett Lions Club announces its annual Candidates Night. All candidates seeking election or re-election to public office have been invited to present their views to the town.

Each unopposed candidate will be allowed three minutes in which to make their presentation, followed by questions from the audience. Opposed candidates will have the opportunity to make five minute presentations. After each opposed candidate has completed their presentation, they then together will respond to questions.

Candidates Night will be held on Sunday, March 30 at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church at 6:30 pm.

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Rochester Family Fundraiser

The staff and PTO members of Rochester Memorial School in Rochester will hold a fundraiser for the Robinson-Jones family, who lost their home in a January fire. The event is titled "Beat the Winter Blues Pizza Party" and will be held in Rochester Memorial School's Cafetorium, 16 Pine Street, on Friday, March 14 at 5:30 pm. Entertainment will be provided by Kathy Medina's Dance Studio and Gypsy LaZizza's Chick Band. There will be a Chinese Auction which will include gifts and hand-crafted items donated by staff members and parents. Other "surprise auction items" are too special to announce. Any donations will be gratefully accepted at the school office. All proceeds will go to the Robinson-Jones family. Tickets are $6 each and may be purchased in advance by contacting Nancy Sparklin at 508-763-2327.

Marion Local Scholarships

Applications for $500 Marion Local Scholarships are available at the Marion Town House and at area high school guidance offices. All Class of 2003 Marion high school graduates and Marion residents continuing their education are eligible. Applications must be returned by April 18 for consideration. For more information, please contact Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector Debra Blanchette at 508-748-3505.

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Registration is held at Sippican, Inc. on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm. Any questions, please call 508-763-5424 or e-mail **nedspointlight@attbi.com**.

Les Miserables at ORR

The Old Rochester Regional Drama Club is pleased to present *Les Miserables - School Edition* performed entirely by students, a musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, based on the novel by Victor Hugo. The School Edition is specially adapted and licensed by Music Theatre International and Cameron Mackintosh. It is the timeless story of ex-convict Jean

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Other notables include: Jordan Butterfield (Fantine); Kevin McCarthy (Marius); Brittany Severance (Cosette), Julie Langevin (Eponine); John Ogren (Thenardier); Nicole Franklin (Madame Thenardier); and Lindsey Butterfield, stage manager. This story of freedom, love, and forgiveness is directed by Paul Sardinha, with Steve Rogers as musical director, and will be presented in the newly-renovated auditorium at Old Rochester Regional High School, Route 6 in Mattapoisett on Thursday, April 3; Friday, April 4; and Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 pm. A matinee will be held on Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students and seniors. They may be purchased in advance at Plumb Corner Market in Rochester; the Marion General Store; and Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett. Tickets will also be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The March meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 20 at Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Don't miss the March entertainment provided by the wonderful actress Judy Bernstein, who will present "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the White House:

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Rochester Student Scholarships

The Rochester Scholarship Committee was established in 1997 for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy Rochester senior high school college bound students.

Residents of Rochester have the opportunity to donate money toward this fund. When residents receive their upcoming real estate tax bill there will be an insert in the envelope for donations. Donations may also be mailed directly to the Rochester Town Hall, attention: Scholarship Committee.

This committee has been successful in prior years rewarding at least two scholarships per year. They encourage residents to continue their generosity to allow this endeavor to continue.

High school senior students residing in the town of Rochester who wish to apply for a Rochester Town College Scholarship can get a scholarship application at their high school guidance office, Rochester Town Hall, Plumb Library website, or at Plumb Library. Applications are now available to students. Completed applications can be returned to Rochester Town Hall.

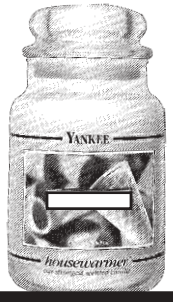
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"For shorter questions, Reference 24/7 is simply one more convenient way to get the answers you need," Ms. Kleven added. You can email the question directly from the library's web home page (**www.sailsinc.org/marion**) by clicking on Reference 24/7 icon. The service is also available on the Services and Databases page of the website.

Ms. Kleven reminded her patrons that the library's new Reference 24/7 is just one of the many valuable services the library provides, and that the other, more traditional and personal means of utilizing the library's reference section are always available. Those include: doing the research yourself in the library's extensive reference collection, asking for assistance from the library's staff in person, and via telephone.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The next meeting of the Maconchu Club will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Hank Seaman and his wife, Susan Pawlak-Seaman, both writers for *The Standard-Times*, will give the club some insight into what goes on in the newsroom. The club will, of course, serve

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In April, the Maconchu Club will be attending the play *Les Miserables* at Old Rochester Regional High School in lieu of their regular meeting.

Rochester Trustee Sought

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The April meeting entertainment will be the Old Rochester Regional High School Jazz Band. Tickets will also be available at the April Meeting for the Annual Chicken Barbecue ($7) to be held in June.

FORM Musical Concerts

The FORM (Friends of Old Rochester Music) Instrumental Concert will be held on Thursday, March 6 and the FORM Chorus Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11. Each concert will begin at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium at ORR High School.

The Instrumental Concert will feature bands from Old Hammondtown School, Sippican Elementary School, Rochester Memorial School, and ORR Junior and Senior High Schools. The Chorus Concert will feature choruses from all of the above schools except Old Hammondtown School. A performance from the Mattapoisett Center School Chorus has been added this year.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children, with a family ticket being available for $12. Senior tickets are $3. The tickets will be valid for both concerts. Parents of music students are encouraged to attend. Proceeds from the concert are to benefit the scholarship fund for graduating music students at ORR High School. At the conclu-

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Mattapoisett Gospel Vespers

On Sunday evening, March 16 at 7:00 pm, a Gospel Vesper Service will be held in the sanctuary of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Performing this service will be David Bettencourt and friends from the Calvary Pentacostal Church in Freetown. In addition to the music shared by this group, there will be an opportunity for some congregational singing as well. A free-will offering will be taken to be donated to the musicians. This vesper service is open to the public. Please come and invite your friends to join in.

Rochester Rabies Clinic

The Town of Rochester will hold a Rabies Clinic for Dogs and Cats on Saturday, April 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Rochester Grange Hall on Hartley Road. The fee is $10 per pet.

Tri-County Concert

The Tri-County Symphonic Band concludes its 41st season with a concert on Sunday, March 16 at 3:00 pm at the Tabor Academy Fireman Performing Arts Center in Marion.

Under the direction of Daniel Lasdow, the band will perform John Philip Sousa's "King Cotton March,"

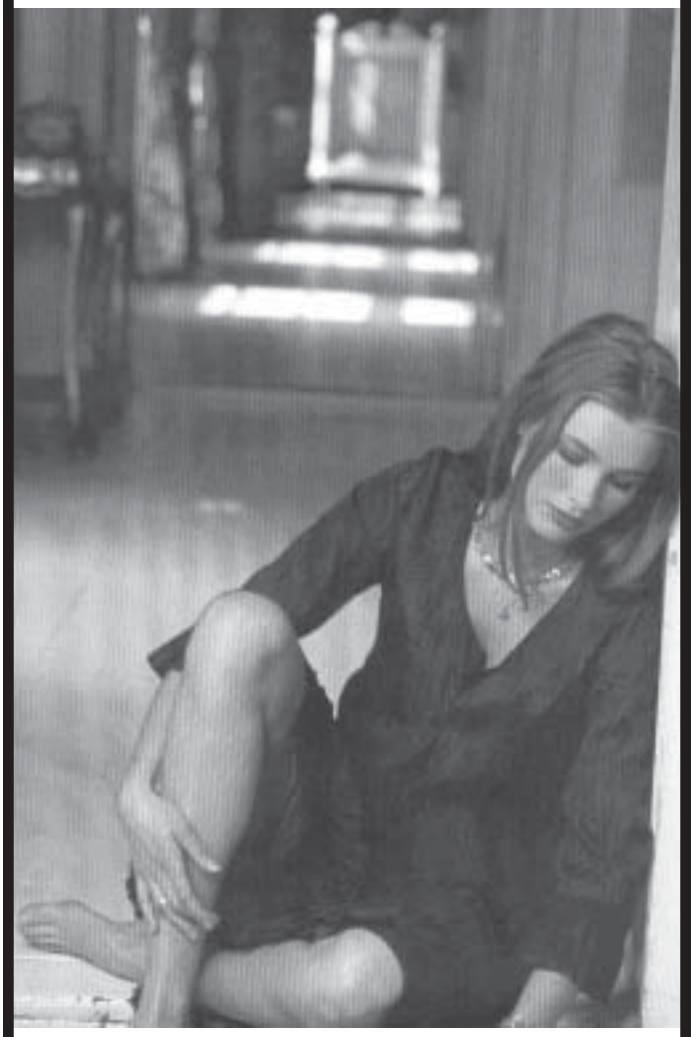
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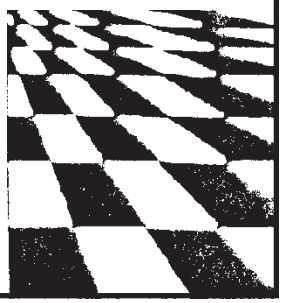
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Tickets for this concert are $10 for adults and $5 for students. Children under five are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased in Dartmouth at The Symphony Music Shop, in New Bedford at the Shawmut Diner, in Fairhaven at Top Music and in Marion at The Bookstall. Tickets are also available at the door on the day of the concert.

The concert is made possible in part by local Cultural Council grants and the support of Tri-County Music Association benefactors, patrons, and sponsors. For more information about the concert, please call 508-758-4457 or 508-758-4541.

Mattapoisett Museum Program

On March 16 at 2:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House, you will have an opportunity to learn more about the cranberry industry of the

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area. Sheila Martin of Marion, who has been involved in the cranberry industry, will share with the group the history of the industry in this area as well as the present-day status of the cranberry industry. The program will be held at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House, 5 Church Street in Mattapoisett. The program is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Marion Rummage Sale

The Marion United Methodist Church will hold a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, March 21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be a $2 "Fill A Bag" Sale on Saturday and donations are accepted. Items can be dropped off at the side door of the church or by calling Else Hiller at 508-748-2933.

Rochester Food Drive

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"Old" North Rochester Church

The friendly people of the "Old" North Rochester Congregational Church invite you to worship with them every Sunday at 10:00 am. Music will be provided by organist Denise Wright.

On the second Sunday of each month, the guest speaker will be Chaplain E. W. "Bud" Holland, CDR, USN (Retired). Following his service, everyone is invited to join in the hall for brunch. Come sample homemade casseroles, quiches and goodies and join in the fellowship. For more information, please call 508-763-8838.

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A Pancake Breakfast will be held in the North Rochester Church Hall on Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Tickets are only $5 per person.

Marion Foundation Lecture

The Marion Foundation is hosting and sponsoring a two-hour lecture on March 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm featuring Judy Converse. Judy has a Master's Degree in Public Health and is a registered and licensed dietician. She has specialized in therapeutic nutrition care for children since 1997. She has also worked in cardiac rehab, diabetes care, and the WIC Nutrition program and has been a registered dietician since 1989. She authored a book on pediatric hepatitis B vaccine as well as articles on therapeutic nutrition for children with autism. Her practice, Nutrition Care for Children, is in Bourne and she lives in Falmouth.

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Movie Review

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***Far from Heaven*. Starring Julianne Moore and Dennis Quaid. Directed by Todd Haynes. Running time: 107 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At the Bijou in Fairhaven.**

For those who complain that Hollywood doesn't make movies like they used to, writer-director Todd Haynes has gone to great trouble to make a movie like they used to — *Far from Heaven*, a melodrama set in 1957 that almost could've been made in 1957. Haynes, whose style has ranged from the stark white of *Safe* (1995) to the kaleidoscopic glam-rock glitter of *Velvet Goldmine* (1998), ties himself this time to a rigorous form of classical filmmaking. The lighting, the costumes, the stilted dialogue, the kids who call their parents "sir" and "ma'am" — Haynes seems to curl up and snuggle inside the sheer repression of the '50s style. The characters even mind their language, save for one meant-to-be-startling moment when an anguished man lets fly with the F-word.

It's an obsessive triumph of design and tribute, beautifully acted by Julianne Moore and Dennis Quaid as the central embattled married couple, but it exists in an uneasy zone between homage and parody. Haynes obviously means us to join in the sorrow, to empathize with Moore's Cathy Whitaker, who develops tender feelings for black gardener Raymond (Dennis Haysbert), and Quaid's Frank Whitaker, a deeply closeted gay man who's submerged his desires thoroughly enough to sire two children and have an outwardly ideal marriage. But this stuff was somehow more fun in the '50s, when interracial and same-sex love dared not speak their names, and directors had to sneak them in via coded subtexts that only hip audiences (or today's modern audiences) could decode.

Quaid is intensely moving as the tortured Frank, especially when the poor man conscientiously seeks to "cure" his condition, growling "I'm gonna beat this thing" as though homosexuality were cancer and simply required the hetero equivalent of chemotherapy (heterotherapy? not an uncommon concept back then, actually). But *Far from Heaven* would probably sink without Julianne Moore, who stampedes towards challenges that lesser actresses would shrink from. She nails the surface of Cathy — presentable housewife who lives only for Frank, the kids, and a well-appointed home — and somehow manages to read Hayne's intentionally strictured dialogue as if a human being could actually say it. But when she falls for Raymond (Haysbert does fine, tender work), Cathy comes to understand the power of forbidden desires over her husband. She's willing to forgive him his trespasses, even if he forgives neither her nor himself.

Moore takes you along on a fully developed emotional arc; this is an old-school women's weepie, like the Douglas Sirk soapers (*Imitation of Life*, *Written on the Wind*, and especially *All That Heaven Allows*) Haynes adores enough to have made this valentine to them. The formulation is a bit too neat, though: homosexuality for the man, a Negro lover for the woman, both marooned in the intolerance of the '50s yet depicted with 20/20 hindsight 45 years later (as if the same conflicts today wouldn't also wreck a marriage). A less generous reading of *Far from Heaven* might be that the openly gay director is tweaking the sanctity of marriage, an institution that today hardly needs to be exposed, what with its high rate of failure. Then, too, Haynes could be capturing the moment in America, right before the turbulent '60s, when people began to realize that a union founded on repression is founded on nothing.

I applaud Haynes' achievement as a loving and radiant throwback, a true oxymoron that appreciates the lush surface of the '50s (or '50s cinema, anyway) while not remotely wishing for a return to the social dictates of that era. Yet what's missing is the shameless emotional punch we associate with the old melodramas; Haynes, as brilliant as he sometimes can be, is simply too distant a director to pull out the stops and wring our tears. *Far from Heaven* comes to seem more of a cinematic position paper, or a postmodern stunt, than a drama (compared to something like *Blue Velvet*, which works similar territory to overpowering effect, it looks rather pallid). Haynes gets the surface, and the passions crawling underneath it, but that's all he gets.

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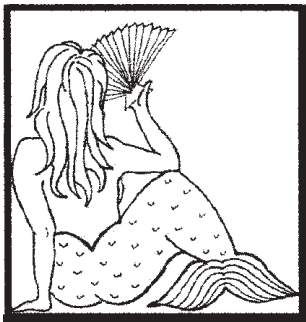
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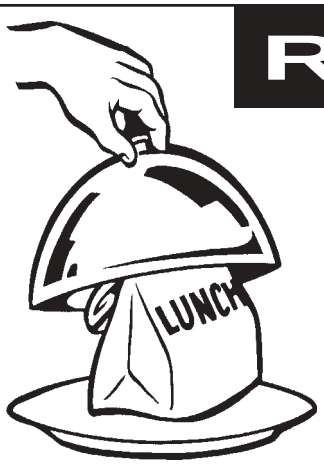
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Thursday, March 13 – Oven baked chicken, breaded pork chop, mashed potato, carrots, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

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• FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 10 – Hearty chicken gumbo soup, grilled chesse sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken patty club, potato wedges, chilled pears, fudge brownie.

Tuesday, March 11 – Kentucky style chicken, baked pork chop with gravy, open face hot pastrami, rice pilaf, green beans, chilled applesauce, raspberry jello with topping.

Wednesday, March 12 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, shaved turkey and lettuce sub, Steak'Um and cheese sub, oven fries, carrots, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, March 13 – Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, grilled cheese sandwich, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, orange jello with topping.

Friday, March 14 – Cheesy macaroni twists, bologna and lettuce sub, mac rib, turkey and lettuce sub, tuna salad sub, potato puffs, tossed salad, chilled pears, mini Rice Krispie treat. (ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: Professional Day - No School.)

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Wednesday, March 12 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, shaved turkey and lettuce sub, Italian grinder, oven fries, carrots, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, March 13 – Roast turkey with gravy, steak and cheese grinder, grilled cheese sandwich, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, orange jello with topping.

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• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 10 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 11 – Toasted cheese, Steak'Um, potato puffs, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 12 – American chop suey, garlic bread, rib-a-que, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 13 – Oven baked chicken, breaded pork chop, mashed potato, carrots, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 14 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 10 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, apple sauce, peas, bread, marble cake.

Tuesday, March 11 – Fruit juice, taco, tortilla chips, corn, salsa, sliced pears.

Wednesday, March 12 – Barbecue pork on a roll, rice, mixed vegetables, peanut butter macaroon.

Thursday, March 13 – Rotini with meat sauce, salad, roll, cheese wedge, jello.

Friday, March 14 – Egg salad roll, pizza, French fries, green beans, fruit, dessert.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 10 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 11 – Toasted cheese, Steak'Um, potato puffs, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 12 – American chop suey, garlic bread, rib-a-que, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 13 – Oven baked chicken, breaded pork chop, mashed potato, carrots, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 14 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 10 – Soup, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken salad, grilled cheese, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 11 – Soup, turkey with gravy, chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, peas, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 12 – Soup, American chop suey, popcorn chicken, green beans, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 13 – Soup, chicken tenders, potato puffs, BBQ ribs, salad, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, March 14 – Soup, chicken fajita roll-up, grilled cheese, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 10 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 11 – Toasted cheese, Steak'Um, potato puffs, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 12 – American chop suey, garlic bread, rib-a-que, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 13 – Oven baked chicken, breaded pork chop, mashed potato, carrots, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Loft School Enrollment

The Loft School is now accepting applications for the 2003-2004 year. They offer a wonderful variety of enrichment activities designed to reinforce the concepts introduced in the public school in a fun, relaxed and unhurried environment. Loft School is non-profit organization located on the corner of Front Street and South Street in Marion. Their Kindergarten Enrichment Program is offered to children enrolled in Kindergarten at the local elementary schools. Please call today for more information about this special after-school program at 508-748-1243 or 508-748-6788.

NBHS Class of '73 Reunion

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INNER VIEWS

Widescreen Woes

By Kenneth J. Souza
news@wanderer.com

The more things change, the more they stay the same. As an avid home theater enthusiast, I've been a longtime fan of developments in video technology. Years ago, I was elated when the laserdisc format first allowed me to enjoy some of my favorite movies in all their widescreen, theatrical glory. Back then, the cumbersome and pricey laserdisc (LD) format was the only way you could see sprawling films with 2.35:1 anamorphic aspect ratios the way they were intended to be seen: letterboxed.

Movies like Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey* and John Carpenter's *Halloween* always suffered when the dreaded pan-and-scan process tried to squeeze their sprawling eye candy into a modest 1.33:1 square, so I eagerly rented and then eventually bought some of my faves on LD. I was hooked and became a die-hard and devoted LD collector.

Of course, whenever I invited friends over to see a movie or made a tape for them to view, someone would inevitably question the "black bars" at the top and bottom of the screen ... or why they weren't seeing "the whole picture." Sigh.

So, feeling like a lone wolf crying in the desert at the time, it was satisfying to see how others finally caught onto this "radical" idea of watching widescreen movies "letterboxed" to accommodate the entire theatrical image. Some VHS tapes even started to surface in this letterboxed/widescreen format, and it gradually became more acceptable over time. By the time Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) made its debut, all my tirades and explanations were validated. You see, with DVD the whole widescreen/letterboxing idea was no longer the exception, but the rule. Virtually every title released on DVD in those early days was either presented soley in the widescreen/letterboxed format, or offered *both* the letterboxed and full-frame versions of the movie (often on two-sided or double-layered platters).

Yet, it would seem there were still a vocal few out there who were set on spoiling my fun. They kept complaining about the dreaded "black bars" and about missing "the whole picture," much to my chagrin. It would seem the squeaky wheels do, indeed, get the grease.

These wholly ignorant people — *and you know who you are* — have apparently campaigned long and hard enough to force video companies releasing DVD software to now mass produce more full-frame/pan-and-scan versions of movies on DVD. This wouldn't bother me so much if these same people also didn't whine to local video stores about those evil "black bars" as well. In fact, one of my once-favorite local video rental outlets has now gone over to the dark side and pretty much stocks their DVD rental shelves with exclusively "full-frame" and "pan-and-scan" versions of DVD titles — an odd choice when you consider the majority of new televisions being sold today are pushing the widescreen/HDTV feature.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, let me once again offer a bit of friendly advice to my anti-letterboxing friends: movies which are made to be seen in theaters are made to be shown on *wide* screens. They are composed and framed that way for a reason. The director never intended for that slow camera pan from one character to another, nor did they intentionally frame someone talking to an invisible actor offscreen, either. When you see a movie *letterboxed,* you *are* getting the "whole picture." Full-frame and pan-and-scan formatting cuts clearly one-third to one-half of the image out.

So stop bothering those nice people working in the video rental stores and stop sending angry letters to Warner Brothers and Columbia/Tri-Star and just enjoy the movies as they were meant to be seen, okay? If you've got at least a 25-inch TV screen, it really doesn't look that bad, you know. And if you're still really bothered by the letterboxing and can't stand watching widescreen movies, then do us both a favor and wait to see the movie on cable TV or rent the VHS tape instead.



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***LOU RAWLS (Mar. 6) Winners: Marcia Dupont, Mattapoisett; Karen Holt, Mattapoisett; Dee Schulte, Mattapoisett**

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Mardi Gras in Fairhaven

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will be holding a Mardi Gras Party on Sunday, March 9 beginning at 4:00 pm. On the menu will be Jambo Jag, Down-Home Veggies, Bayou Bread, and Dessert. Games, door prizes, music and fun will follow dinner. Tickets are $9.95 for adults and by donation for children. The church is located at 34 Center Street in Fairhaven. Please call 508-993-3368 for tickets or reservations. All are welcome.

Steak Dinner in Marion

A Steak Dinner and Chinese Auction will be held at the Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion, on Sunday, March 22. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm and the club opens at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $12 and can be obtained by calling 508-748-2933. No take-outs for this dinner. Enjoy a charcoal-grilled steak served with salad, baked potato, roll and butter, coffee and dessert, accompanied by a fast-paced auction. The Marion Social Club is dedicated to helping the youth, the disabled, and the elderly in the tri-town area.

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Local Police Logs



MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 23, 2003 through March 1, 2003:

• Point Road – general service
• Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Cove's End Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Converse Road – general service
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Point Road – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – liquor violation
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle complaint
• Barnabas Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Crapo Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Wareham Road – breaking and entering/past
• Converse Road – disturbance
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Beach Street – animal complaint
• Creek Road – disturbance
• Front Street – parking violation
• Spring Street – animal complaint
• Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Point Road – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – disorderly person
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Route 195 East – suspicious motor vehicle
• Silvershell Beach – animal complaint
• County Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Creek Road – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – assist municipal agency
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle complaint
• Converse Road – animal complaint
• Delano Road – larceny/past
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• Wareham Road – animal complaint
• Silvershell Beach – animal complaint
• Quail's Crossing Road – annoying phone calls
• Hermitage Road – trespassing
• Jenney Lane – animal complaint
• Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Spring Street – parking violation.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 23, 2003 through March 1, 2003:

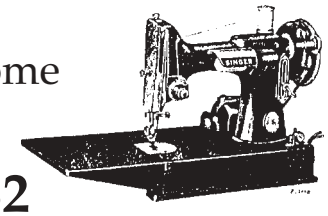
• Fairhaven Road – medical assist
• Snow Fields Road – burglar alarm
• Marion Road – motor vehicle violations
• Upland Way – abandoned 911 call
• Fairhaven Road – ambulance request
• County Road – safety/road hazard
• Fairhaven Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Ridgewood Road – fire
• Route 195 West – disorderly person
• Goodspeed Island – property found
• Park Street – suspicious persons
• County Road – motor vehicle violations
• Reservation Road – shellfish violation
• Shaw Street – vandalism
• Acushnet Road – animal control
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
• Bay View Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
• Marion Road – adult arrest
• Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Rock Street – property found
• North Street – adult arrest
• Aucoot Road – disturbance
• Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
• Industrial Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
• Tinkham Hill Road – brush fire
• Mechanic Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – property returned
• North Street – adult arrest
• Ned's Point Road – peace officer wanted
• Acushnet Road – disturbance
• Lebaron Way – harassing phone calls
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• North Street – suspicious activity
• Church Street – vandalism.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 25, 2003 through March 4, 2003:

• Acushnet Road – animal complaint
• County Road – larceny
• Dexter Lane – officer wanted
• Lisa Avenue – keep the peace
• North Avenue – found property
• Mary's Pond Road – suspicious activity
• Medford Police Department – found property
• Wolf Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Dexter Lane – highway matter
• Adrian's Package Store – suspicious motor vehicle
• North Avenue – domestic disturbance
• Cranberry Highway – reported gunshots
• New Bedford Road – threats
• Mary's Pond Road – road hazard
• County Road – officer wanted
• Mary's Pond Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
• Dexter Lane – officer wanted
• Springwood Drive – assist fire department
• Braley Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Winter's Way – larceny
• Neck Road – vandalism
• Burgess Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
• High Street – assist fire department
• County Road – suspicious activity
• Mary's Pond Road – assist fire department
• New Bedford Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
• Dexter Lane – adult arrest (possession of Class D substance)
• Dexter Lane – adult arrest (possession of Class D substance, subsequent offense).

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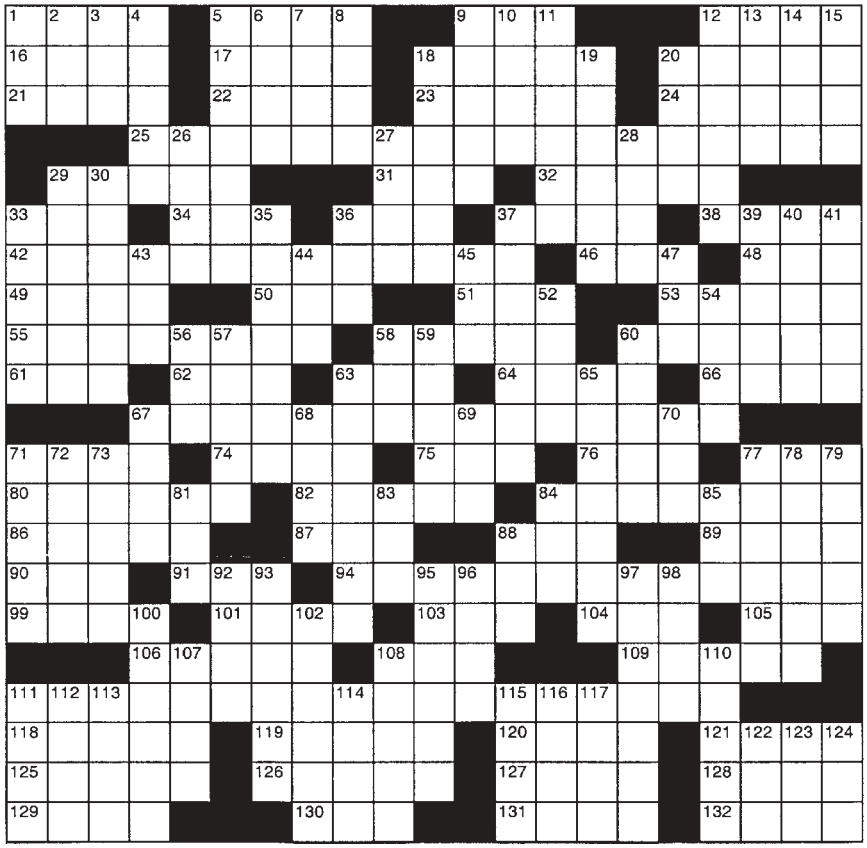
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5 Domino or Waller
9 It may be strapless
12 Request an encore
16 Done
17 Rock's Quiet —
18 Jagger and Jones
20 Snapshot
21 Mediterranean port
22 Actress Paquin
23 Home, to Hopalong?
24 Poet Conrad
25 Escalator stocks . . .
29 Exhausted
31 Aye opponent
32 "Bolero" composer
33 Pigeon English?
34 "Angela's Ashes" sequel
36 Dandy dude?
37 "I could — horse!"
38 Read quickly
42 Mining shares . . .
46 Tolkien creation
48 Neighbor of Tenn.
49 Notes from Verdi?
50 Noun suffix
51 "The Simpsons" character
53 Propelled a shell
55 First name in art
58 Hitching post?
60 Fleet
61 Boxer Norton
62 Ferret's foot
63 Bandleader Lyman
64 Despot
66 List entry
67 Diaper stocks . . .
71 Mock
74 Pole star?
75 Daniel — -Lewis
76 Diving bird
77 Comic Philips
80 Physicist Fermi
82 Surrealist Max
84 Chorus
86 Playground feature
87 Actress Susan
88 Flicka's food
89 Wan
90 Chinese export
91 Mouth piece?
94 Cutlery shares . . .
99 Active volcano
101 Some computers
103 Chanteuse Lemper
104 Cobb and Hardin
105 '75 Abba tune
106 Polish coin
108 One — million
109 Like a hot fudge sundae
111 Barbell stocks . . .
118 Actor Warner
119 Cold sound
120 Bronte heroine
121 Crazy
125 Victorian wit
126 Cut
127 — J. Pakula
128 Spirit
129 Baseball's Sammy
130 Farm feature
131 Tardy
132 Barber's cry?

DOWN
1 Driving hazard
2 Palindromic name
3 Pince- —
4 Singer Slick
5 Overwrought
6 "— No Sunshine" ('71 hit)
7 Author Morrison
8 Mikita or Musial
9 Like some eyes
10 Rave's partner
11 With 69 Down, fluffy feline
12 Flu symptom
13 Valhalla villain
14 "— o'clock scholar"
15 Cornmeal concoction
18 Stargazed
19 Hardly hyper
20 New York university
26 Aware of
27 Textbook heading
28 Writer Hunter
29 Posh party
30 Elixir
33 Teacher's aid
35 Logging-camp feature
36 Provost of "Lassie"
37 Compassion
39 Metal measure
40 — la Cite
41 Lady of the house
43 Fled
44 Start to cry?
45 — bran
47 Rocky hill
52 — Major
54 In the thick of
56 Gibbon or gorilla
57 Stallone role
58 — Dhabi
59 — a hand (aids)
60 Press one's point
63 Poppins' portrayer
65 Equity expert
67 Actor Wallace
68 Enraged
69 See 11 Down
70 Just manage, with "out"
71 "Beau —" ('39 film)
72 Cove
73 Jones of the Stones
77 Slip by
78 Tennis great Gardnar
79 Accepts authority
81 "Aladdin" frame
83 Carrie or Louis
84 Opening
85 EMT's skill
88 Shade
92 "— Fire" ('85 hit)
93 Turkish titles
95 "Guys and Dolls" author
96 Coup d'—
97 Cleanliness
98 "Unto us — is given"
100 Schedule
102 People from Prague
107 Take a taxi
108 Tower material?
110 Brash Nash
111 Tiers
112 Gallimaufry
113 Maglie and Mineo
114 "Cat on — Tin Roof"
115 Actual
116 Auel heroine
117 "Confound it!"
122 Stout relative
123 Send out a page
124 Big bang letters



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your soft-hearted self is drawn to a tempting offer. But your hard-headed half isn't so sure. Best advice: Do it only after every detail is checked out to your liking.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your inventive mind should help you find a way to get around an apparently impassable barrier and make yourself heard. Your efforts get you noticed by the right people.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're enjoying this creative period. But by midweek, you'll need to emphasize your more pragmatic talents as you consider a risky but potentially lucrative move.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected rejection could turn into something positive if you pocket your pride and ask for advice on how you can make changes that will make the difference.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart gives you the courage to push for answers to a job-related situation. Stay with it. You'll soon find more believers coming out the ranks of the doubters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your curiosity pays off this week as you push past the gossip to find the facts. What you ultimately discover could lead you to make some changes in your plans.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A new sense of enthusiasm helps get you out of on-the-job doldrums and back into a productive phase. Family matters also benefit from your more positive attitude.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A bit of nostalgia is fine. But don't stay back in the past too long or you might miss seeing the signpost up ahead pointing the way to a new opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) If you feel you need to take more time to study a situation before making a decision, do so. Don't let anyone push you into acting until you're ready.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As the Great Advice Giver, the Goat really shines this week as family and friends seek your wisdom. Someone especially close might make a surprising request.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spiritual concerns dominate part of the week. More worldly matters demand your attention by the 7th. An old promise resurfaces with some surprises attached.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period and are eager to finish all the projects you've taken on. But don't let yourself get swamped. Take a breather now and again.

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The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 8:00PM in the Selectmen's office at the Town Hall concerning the site application of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library regarding the proposed site improvements located at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA and shown as Lot 110 on Assessors Map 9.
Complete plans for the project are on file at the office of the Town Clerk and may be reviewed by any interested party during normal business hours of the Clerk's office.
Planning Board 02/27, 03/06

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#824 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Laurent N. Gregoire (Barbara Medeiros owner), who is seeking a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.B of Rochester By-laws. Property is located at 251 Mattapoisett Road, Assessors plan 2, lot 16. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003.
Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 02/27, 03/06

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at 7:10 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on a Request for a Determination of Applicability (41D-1134) submitted by MICHAEL D. CARLOZZI to construct a 20' x 40' in-ground swimming pool at 120 Bullivant Farm Road, shown as Lot 84 on Marion Assessors' Map 9. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 03/06

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
LEGAL NOTICE
A public hearing was held on 11 February 2003 in the Main Conference Room of the Town House on the proposal to amend the MARION SANITARY CODE. The proposal was passed in its entirety on that date. This proposal replaced the entire existing Section Four, which pertains to the sub-surface disposal of sanitary waste. The proposed amendment clarified many new requirements that were previously approved and became effective 01 January; it also adds the definition of "Board" and changes the definition of "Title 5" in the regulation. The effective date for the amendments is 01 March 2003.
Thomas T. Streeter, MD, FACS, Chairman
03/06

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SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Conservation Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, 7:00 p.m., in the Rochester Town Hall, on the application of Old Tuck Cranberry Corp., PO Box 310, West Wareham, MA, Scott Ashley applicant. Proposed is the removal of 25,000 yards of material on property located off Old Tuck Bog, Rochester Assessors plan, 14, Lot 21.
Ronald Belrose, Chairman 03/06

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Conservation Board will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 20, 2003, 7:00 p.m., in the Rochester Town Hall,regarding an earth removal permit request filed by Double M Cranberry Co. for property show as Lot 4 on Assessors Map 18.
Ronald Belrose, Chairman 03/06

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BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE
#826 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Virginia Decker, 404 Neck Road who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.B.1. to allow more than one dwelling on a single parcel and a special permit under section VIII.C.2. to allow an accessory structure in the front yard area. Property is located at 405 Neck Road; Assessors plan 26, lot 17. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2003, 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 03/06, 03/13

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE
#827 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Gary and Anne Stopka, 85 Alley Road, Assessors plan 29 lot 23, who are seeking a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.B. The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, March 27, 2003, 7:45 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 3/06, 03/13

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 24, 2003 at 7:20PM in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Justin P. Morreale, Owner, 416 Lewis Wharf, Boston, MA 02110, Owner's Agent: Roger R. Guay, Tallman, Drake & Guay Architects, Mattapoisett, MA. The proposed project is to add 679 sq.ft. ground level. Ground floor: new boat storage & new therapy pool & elevator for handicapped son. Second floor: new closet, enlarge master bedroom, new elevator, Attic floor: new bath, two new bedrooms, new elevator machine room. The project is located at 1 Seamarcsh Way, (The Cedars), Mattapoisett, MA and is further identified as Lot 42 on Assessor Map Plot 6.
Conservation Commission 03/06

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 24, 2003 at 7:40PM in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Wendy Ann Kroniger and Kurt Andrew Kroniger, 6 Bayberry Lane, Mattapoisett, MA. The proposed project is to install a 24' round above ground pool with a 8' a 12' deck. The project is located at 6 Bayberry Lane and is further identified as Lot 73 on Assessor Map Plot 20.
Conservation Commission 03/06

TOWN OF MARION
MARION PUBLIC SCHOOL
LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Marion School Committee regarding the 2003-04 school budget at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2003 in the Etta-Hix Allen Library, Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts.03/06

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARION, MATTAPOISETT, ROCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee regarding the 2003-04 school budget at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 in the Dr. Joseph C. Kunces Memorial Library, Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Massachusetts. 03/06



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Applicants must be residents of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester, or members of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and must be high school seniors graduating in June, or previous graduates who have applied for or are re-entering an accredited post-secondary education program. The criteria for choosing recipients are financial need, scholastic achievement and initiative. The deadline for filing applications is Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

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Marion Council on Aging

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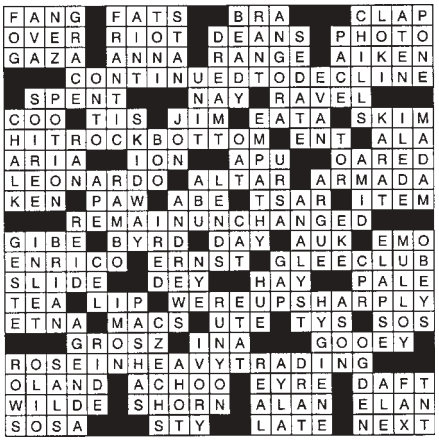
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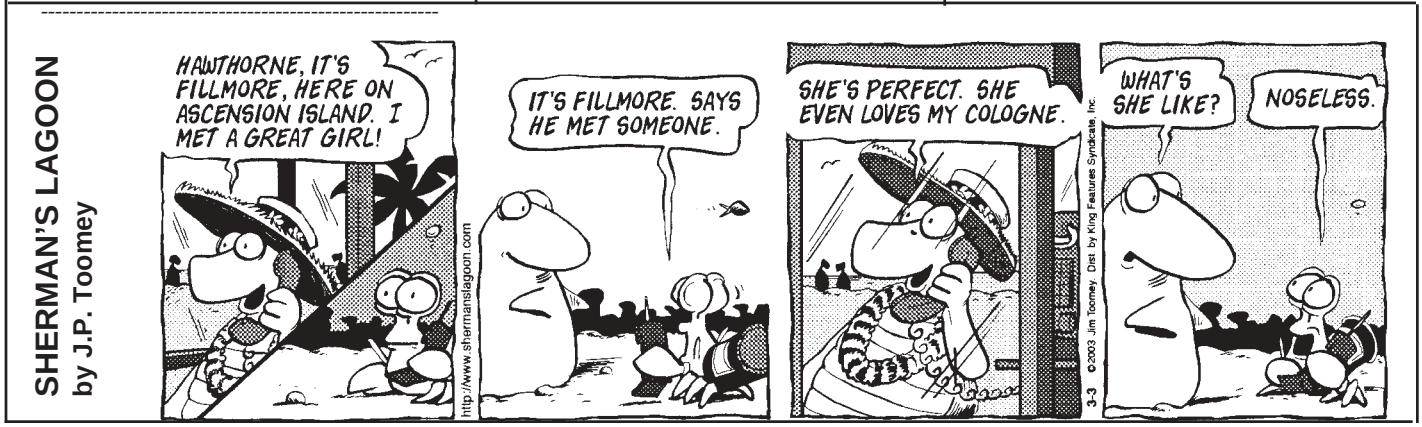
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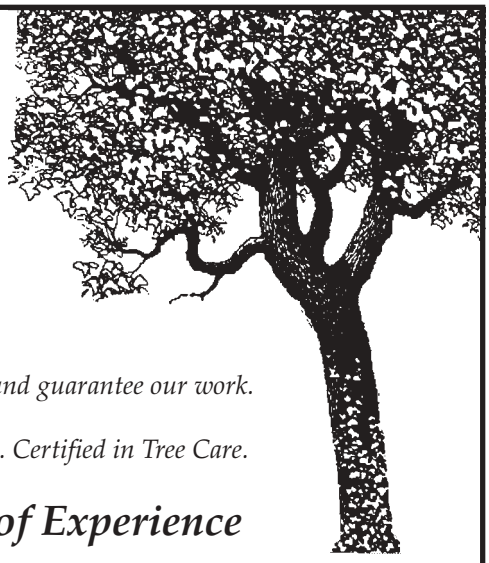
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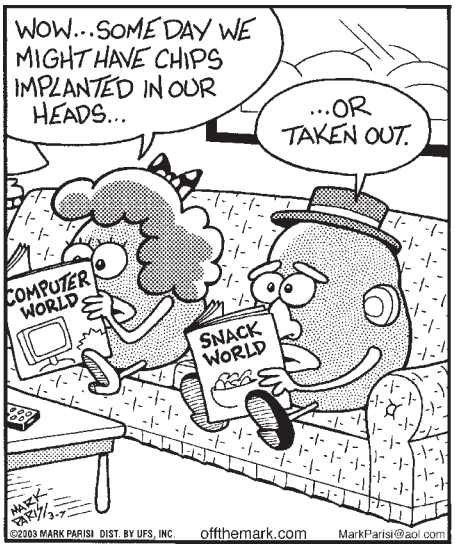
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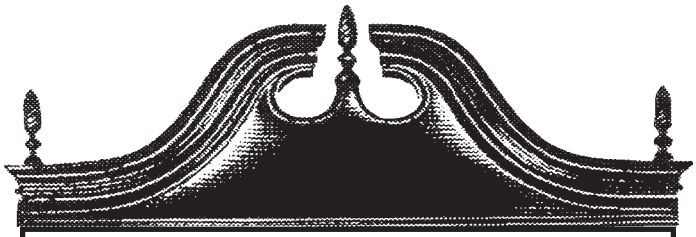


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The collectors are looking for one postcard that is known to exist, but have been unable to locate. It is a postcard picture of the Mattapoisett Poor Farm that was on Aucoot Road. If you would like to be included in this adventure and work of historical research, please call Natalie Sylvia-Hemingway at 508-992-2925 for information. It is not too late to be included!



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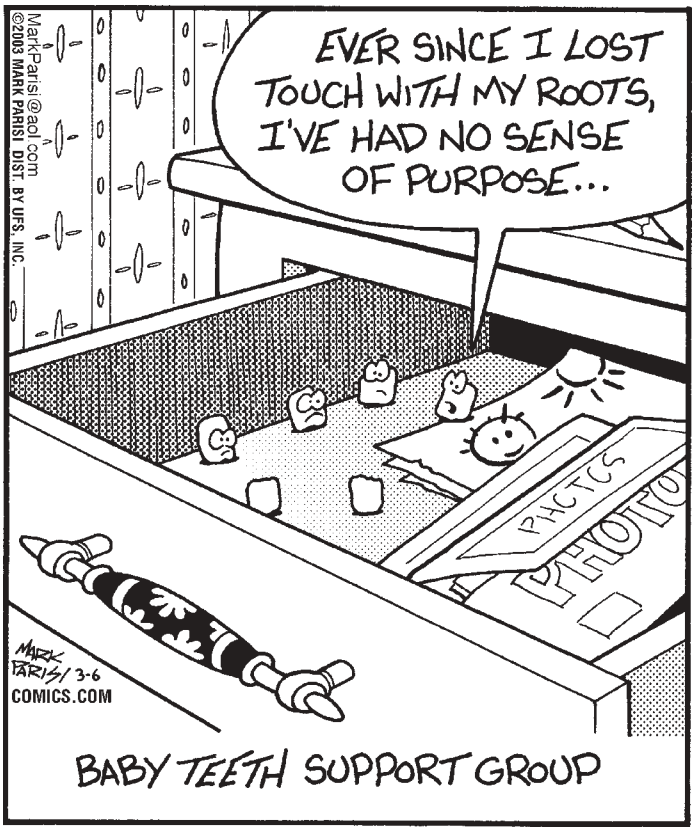
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March 6:	Thur.	10:03	10:13	3:15	3:19
March 7:	Fri.	10:39	10:49	3:50	3:52
March 8:	Sat.	11:17	11:24	4:27	4:29
March 9:	Sun.	11:59	. . .	5:09	5:08
March 10:	Mon.	12:07	12:44	5:58	5:57
March 11:	Tues.	12:55	1:38	7:10	6:59
March 12:	Wed.	1:53	2:40	8:53	8:14
March 13:	Thur.	3:00	3:47	10:02	9:25
March 14:	Fri.	4:11	4:50	10:51	10:25
March 15:	Sat.	5:12	5:42	11:33	11:19
March 16:	Sun.	6:04	6:30	. . .	12:13
March 17:	Mon.	6:52	7:16	12:12	12:53
March 18:	Tues.	7:40	8:02	1:03	1:30
March 19:	Wed.	8:25	8:50	1:53	2:10
March 20:	Thur.	9:15	9:40	2:40	2:50
March 21:	Fri.	10:05	10:32	3:30	3:30
March 22:	Sat.	11:00	11:27	4:20	4:15
March 23:	Sun.	11:55	. . .	5:13	5:03

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Toya Doran Gabeler, a native of Mattapoisett now living in Los Angeles, posed with a copy of **The Wanderer** *at Angkor Wat in Cambodia, the biggest Wat (Hindu/Buddhist Temple) in the world, during a recent trip.*



(l. to r.) Bill King (Rochester), Richard Walker and Suellen Aiken (Mattapoisett), Cheryl and Tom Genereux and Sara King (Rochester) pose at Akaka Falls in Hilo, Hawaii with **The Wanderer** *during a cruise of the Hawaiian Isles.*

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